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here's what I got. Do you want to discuss it today or Monday or at all in advance?

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"If 90% of the ideas you generate aren't absolutely worthless, then you're not generating enough ideas". --
Michael Artin

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All:

Here is the revised Directors agenda and some briefing materials. Changes identified at the last Coordinators meeting were made. Other changes happened along the way to.

2. Budget -

The attached pdf is a list of the directed work/special and coordinated studies in 2012. You can use this as briefing material as I don't expect to show it at the meeting. I may use it, don't know or I may just bring copies of the pie charts for discussion, but I'm not sure yet. I will mainly talk from the pdf titled, '2012 Overall Transfer v15 December....' This is a two pager and the second page contains the estimate of increases to the program that the Directors asked for last meeting. The table is a bit busier than what you saw at the last CT meeting because it now contains inflation estimates (for the larger pieces of the core program only) that Rich had asked to be included. Call me if you have any questions.

3. Estuary portal

Both of these documents were discussed at length at the Estuary portal workgroup meeting last week. There will be changes, especially to the roles and Responsibilities document, but I don't have revised versions so let's just go with this for now. Mainly, the role of the Coordinators will get downplayed slightly and the document will convey that coordination with the IEP in general is desirable, not that the portal workgroup is under the guidance of the IEP Coordinators specifically. More will be added about the role of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council as the governing entity.

4. MAST-

Instead of this being delivered by Bruce and Carl, Ted is taking this one. I'm copy/pasting from an Anke email explaining the other changes that were made to the document:

"The IEP MT talked about the MAST proposal at the MT meeting last Thursday. The general sense was that in addition to the off-site, we'd also need superhero outfits to do this job... and even then some folks were pretty pessimistic that they'd be allowed to work on this. That's why the MT feels that that the problem statement needs to be stronger in order to get "higher-up" buy-in that this is really a very high priority. In particular, BDCP & BiOps should be mentioned, as well as something about how this is needed to inform how \$\$ should be spent on science. Overall the MT, like the CT and like Kim, below, feels that the long-term solution is really the way to go.

I revised the problem bullets in the attached to better express why we need this and to set up the long-term versus short-term approaches up

front."

The word document attached to this email is the "Recommended Long-Term Solution" that is referred to on page 2 of the MAST description.

5. Updated Science Highlights and updated publication list (hot of the press).

6. Slight change of plans. USBR is still reviewing and there may be more changes so there is no need to sign an MOU that could potentially be changed again. Ted says, "I guess the bottom line is that I will give my usual RVERS update which will include an expectation that the directors will be receiving an updated MOU to sign. In other words, once USBR makes their final changes, we will distribute the revision for signature."

Lastly, one item that can be handled during your briefing is that the MLAG name was changed to 'IEP Stakeholder Group.' This was an action item from the last meeting.

I think that's it. Let me know if you have any questions.

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